

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q93839

Toshikazu USHIJIMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/572,352

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 1137

Examiner: Ethan C. Whisenant

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For: METHOD FOR ACCESSING CANCEROUS STATE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated August 29, 2008. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-19 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants submit that the special technical feature linking the claims is the link between the methylation frequency of Fibrillin2 gene, its level of expression and link to cancer as is discussed for example at pages 42-44 of the specification.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 20-27.

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Respectfully submitted,


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